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INVESTIGATORS BORROW MANUALS

by Viola Echele

The UFO Study Group Field Investigators met Oct. 4 at Chuck Adams' home with 12 investigators present. As Board members John Schroeder, Clifford Palmberg and Irene Alexander interviewed and certified nine recent graduates of the Training Course, the business meeting was conducted in another room. Chuck distributed helpful Investigation Guidelines to each investigator. He then assigned some new cases to investigation teams.

Vi Echele gave investigators Walter Palmer and Marjorie Sherrill information about Marti Miller, the hypnotist. She is willing to help on the Ditmar case where UFO's were seen at different periods during a one week period.

Bruce Widaman read an open letter from Walt Andrus, head of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network, Inc.), regarding the NOVA program to be broadcast on Channel 9 TV, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12. Apparently the videotape was edited so the debunkers' views dominated and real UFO investigators' opinions were made to sound like those of the disbelievers. For example, none of the five hours of tape made with John Schuessler relevant to the landmark Cash-Landrum Case was used. If you saw the program and want to react to its bias, write the producer: Mr. John Mansfield, Executive Producer for NOVA, WGBH Educational Foundation, 125 Western Ave., Boston, Mass. 02134

The Investigators are considering a panel discussion with recent reports and--perhaps--slides for UFO Study Group Meeting, 2 p.m., Nov. 14 at Farm and Home Savings Bldg., 110 West Lockwood (Lockwood at Gore) in Webster Groves, Mo.

Mike Shannon, who--with Marjorie Sherrill--will be teaching the new Field Investigators' Course beginning Oct. 21, asked to borrow Field Investigator's Manuals from any members who can spare one. The old manuals are out of print and the new revision has not yet been completed. Members of the new class (which has a pre-enrollment of six) need the manuals for their basic training. Borrowed manuals will be returned in good condition.

Larry Mobley will review a book "Basic Astro" and others review "The Philadelphia Story" and "The Roswell Incident" at future Investigators' meetings, comparing investigation techniques with the results achieved and the conclusions reached.

The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 1 at Chuck Adams' home. Topics to be covered are 1) Nov. UFO Study Group 2) the current cases and 3) Case Classification System.

THE UFO STUDY GROUP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! PAY YOUR \$6 ANNUAL DUES NOW, PLEASE! Thanks, the Board...

NEW INVESTIGATORS CERTIFIED

by Irene Alexander

Three years ago our first group of Field Investigator trainees were introduced to one of the finest and most comprehensive training courses available. Cliff Palmberg, Dr. Armstrong and John Schroeder put in many hours and hard work to perfect this course.

Dr. Armstrong has retired to sunny Florida. John Schroeder has become Editor and Artist for the Enigma; so as is so often the case, most of the burden of teaching the course and certifying students has fallen to Cliff Palmberg. Cliff has for years worked long and hard for the good of our organization. He is a humble man who gives much; asks little and never complains. He is a member of the Board, our Vice President, MUFON State Section Director and teacher of investigators.

The course takes the investigator trainee through the not-for-profit corporation laws, powers of the Corporation; the UFO Study Group's status as a non-profit corporation, its purposes and functions; responsibilities and limitations of the Field Investigator and through the MUFON Manual and Allan Hendry's Handbook; IFO's and UFO's, types of UFO's; classifications; unusual characteristics; physical models based on Chemistry and Physics; necessary supplies, tools and equipment; forms and questionnaires; how to conduct an interview, file a report, evaluation; study of special cases, CE III cases, paranormal cases and, finally, a written exam and personal interview for certification by the Board of Directors.

The following investigators passed their exams and review Oct. 4, 1982 with flying colors. We proudly congratulate this fine group of investigators upon their certification: Chuck Adams, Chief Field Investigator, Marjorie Sherrill, Mike Shannon, Walter Palmer, Bruce Widaman, Bob Smalley, Barbara Becker, Paul Mobley and Vi Echele.

They are all ready, willing and able to investigate any case competently. Until the next UFO flap they continue to study, read, research and sharpen their skills at monthly Field Investigators Meetings.

We are proud that hard study, dedicated effort and skill training have made this certification ceremony a reality.

FEDERATION STEERING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

NO. 1

by Donald R. Quiel

The Board of Directors has received a copy of a proposal from John Schuessler to start up a Headquarters office for a UFO actions center: a UFO Federation.

Presented here are the main thoughts:

- 1) To create one central body of UFO information, i.e., the Federation.
- 2) To draft rules and regulations by which the Federation would operate.
- 3) To establish guidelines for membership participation.
- 4) Financial

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considerations. 5) Functional liabilities of the Federation.

The Executive Board, with input from members of the Board of Directors, will consider the Federation request and will respond to it.

FAR OUT SPACE by John E. Schroeder



"No! No! You stupid bird, it's not what you think!"



PARAPSYCHOLOGY, STONEHENGE AND DRUIDS

by Viola Echele

The Parapsychology meeting was held 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6, 1982 at Key Productions office, 3803½ S. Kingshighway. Vi Echele, Chairperson, opened the session promptly, greeting 22 in attendance.

Marjorie Sherrill had charge of the program. She showed very interesting slides of the Stonehenge and the modern Druids in England. This was followed by a question and answer period and also the sharing of UFO and parapsychological linkages.

After refreshments, Vi presented an "Awareness Test" in which all participated. An old pencil was used and each told all that he or she could about "color", "shape", "features" and "uses" of that unique pencil.

The next meeting will be held 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1982 at Key Productions office, 3803½ S. Kingshighway. The chairperson is trying to obtain information on rocks. This will pertain to how our "Rock Friends" can protect and influence our well being. This should be interesting. We will also have a "Sharing Period" and refreshments. The Parapsychology Committee Members would like to welcome you to our group.

NEW PLANS FOR THE LIBRARY

by Mike Shannon

As the new Study Group Librarian, I have set two main goals for the library in the months ahead. The first thing I will try to accomplish is to catalogue all the UFO Study Group's library books using an Author Index File. I hope to complete this by the November Study Group Meeting. In the meantime, I ask for your patience and cooperation since the books will be available on a limited basis as they are being catalogued.

To get a complete listing of all the available books, I would appreciate the return of all the Study Group books checked out by the members. Bring the books to the October meeting, 2 p.m. at the Farm and Home Savings, Lockwood and Gore, Webster Groves, Mo., Sunday, Oct. 10.

The completion of the Author Index Card File will enable me to attain my second goal: to make all Library materials readily accessible to all Study Group members. I will write more about the Library and progress toward the goals in the next issue of the Enigma.

Members interested in more information or willing to volunteer to help with the cataloging process can contact me, Mike Shannon, at 946-1021.

OCTOBER MEETING, MARTIAL ARTS AND MONSTERS

by Donald R. Quiel

A Martial Arts demonstration, particularly mind control and body discipline, was performed before an audience of 42 people, by Bruce Palmberg, an 8 year 3rd degree black belt; his wife, Sandra, son Brandon, and Master Clifford Crawford, a 6th degree black belt.

Several people volunteered themselves in a series of Oikiru-Ryu Jiu-Jitsu (mind over matter) demonstrations.

Sandra also demonstrated self defense techniques and showed how to break choke holds.

The Palmbergs previously resided inside an Indian reservation in Arizona where Sandra described an interesting account with a possible humanoid. The Palmbergs theorize that highly disciplined mental exercises may influence and--perhaps--attract combatant spiritual forces in any of many forms.

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

by John Roppolo

Because of the generous contributions of Study Group members, our library continues to grow. Two books that have recently come to us from a private collection are W. A. Harbinson's Genesis and Close Encounters: A Better Explanation by Clifford Wilson and John Weldon. Both are a bit out-of-the-ordinary in terms of UFO-related literature.

Genesis is a current novel and a work of fiction, yet Harbinson has done an excellent job of interweaving fact and fiction in this impressive work. Indeed, much of the background information in the novel would seem to indicate that Harbinson is a longtime researcher of UFO information. Yet word has it that Harbinson had little interest in UFOs before the writing of Genesis, and his next novel will apparently not be UFO-related. Genesis makes for excellent reading, because it contains all the suspense of a fine spy novel, with an immediacy which comes from the timeliness of its subject matter. It is recommended highly to all interested in UFOs.

Wilson and Weldon's Close Encounters: A Better Explanation is a book written from one kind of Christian perspective. If the phrasing of the last sentence seems awkward, it is because I must stress that the view the authors take is not necessarily representative of the Christian faith as a whole. Wilson and Weldon infer (from their studies and from certain case histories) that UFOs are sent to this world to bother human beings or to lead them away from Christ, and are thus demonic in character. This book, therefore, offers a certain view into some lines of contemporary thought on UFOs (and may serve to explain why many people are so reluctant to talk about their UFO encounters) but will certainly not appeal to all readers.

These books and others are available now from the Study Group Library. Information on the library is available at all of the monthly meetings.